

Appl. No. 09/180,657
Amdt. dated August 19, 2003
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 22-52, 55, 58-60, 63-66, 68-74, 93 and 95-106 are pending, with claims 22-51 withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 93 and 102-106 are said to be allowable; the Office Action also says that claims 55, 59-60, 66, 68-74 and 99 would be allowable, but for the fact that they depend upon a rejected claim.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 52, 55, 59, 60, 65, 66, 70, 74, 95 and 102 are amended, and claims 22-51 and 96 canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 22-51 are canceled as they have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. The other amendments are to expedite prosecution of subject matter of current commercial importance.

II. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 52, 58, 63-65, 95, 97, 98, 100 and 101 are said to be anticipated by Guo et al. (J. Inher. Metab. Dis. 18:717-722, 1995) ("Guo"). Guo is said to discuss results showing that β -glucosaminidase is elevated in the serum of some individuals having certain lysosomal storage disorders, particularly Gaucher's disease.

In response, it is noted that base claims 52 and 95 have been amended to delete reference to β -glucosaminidase to expedite prosecution of important subject matter. This amendment renders this rejection moot with respect to these independent claims, as well the claims that depend upon them.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 96 is rejected for depending upon a canceled claim. Cancellation of this claim renders this rejection moot.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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